REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed September 19, 2006. Claims 1 - 22 remain pending. Allowance of the application and presently pending claims is respectfully requested.

I. <u>Election/Restrictions</u>

The Office Action indicates that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Species I: embodiment of Figures 1 and 2;
- II. Species II: embodiment of Figures 3 and 4;
- III. Species III: embodiment of Figure 5;
- IV. Species IV: embodiment of Figure 6;
- V. Species V: embodiment of Figure 7.

Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, to prosecute Species II (FIGs. 3 and 4), with claims 1-5, 8, 10-15 and 21 being readable thereon.

CONCLUSION

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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